GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:309
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
AIR CARGO
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sea freight and express industry are increasingly turning out to be a serious threat to air cargo;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make air cargo more attractive and efficient;

(c) the anticipated annual rate of growth of air cargo traffic in the country in the coming decade; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to further increase the air cargo services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.309 TO BE ANSWERED 19.3.2000 REGARDING AIR CARGO.

(a) :- No, Sir.

(b) :- The Government has taken following major steps to make air cargo more attractive and efficient:

(i) Introduction of `Open Sky` policy in the air cargo sector.

(ii) Introduction of Integrated Cargo Management System (ICMS) at the four Metro airport.

(iii) Provision of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) for integration with the computers of other agencies.

(iv) Construction of Integrated common user Terminal facilities at the four Metro airports.

(v) Provision of Centres for Perishable cargo at Delhi, Hyderabad and Chennai airport.

(vi) Increase in demurrage free period from 2 days to 5 days.

(vii) Increase and synchronisation in working hours for city side operation for export and import activities.

(c) :- Anticipated annual growth rate of air cargo for the four metro airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata which handle 90% of international air cargo traffic, for the coming decade is 73%.

(d) :- The Government has planned to take following measures to further increase air cargo services:-

(i) Long term leasing of metro airports which will include cargo operations to improve the standards of services and managerial efficiency.

(ii) Cargo Warehousing by private airlines.